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NEWS AND NOTES
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The Child Nutrition Application Program (CNAP) for 2011 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) is available as of March 1, 2011

The Child Nutrition Application Program (CNAP) is available to apply for the 2011 Summer Food Service Program. CNAP is designed for the submission of new applications or to renew and/or update existing applications. The CNAP application can be accessed at www.michigan.gov/meis. Scroll down to Child Nutrition Programs and click on the Child Nutrition Program Application link. The deadline to submit the application is May 1, 2011. To read more about the SFSP, visit www.michigan.gov/sfsp.

Summer Food Service Program Operational Training

This year's SFSP school operational trainings will be provided in East Lansing, Michigan. New sponsors *must* attend a training session. Previous sponsors are *not* required to attend a SFSP operational training. The training dates for school sponsors are:

DAY/DATE	LOCATION	TIME	TARGET AUDIENCE
Tuesday, March 22, 2011	*** NOTE: NEW LOCATION *** Michigan State University - Union Building Corner of Grand River and Abbott Road 322 MSU Union East Lansing, MI 48824	9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	New SFSP Sponsors
Tuesday, April 26, 2011	*** NOTE: NEW LOCATION *** Michigan State University - Union Building Corner of Grand River and Abbott Road 322 MSU Union East Lansing, MI 48824	9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.	All SFSP Sponsors

Registration for the SFSP trainings is required and must be completed using the *On-Line Registration Process*. For more information about participating in the SFSP operational training, visit http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/TrainingSFSP2011c_343850_7.pdf.

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program - Grant Update

Applications for the 2011-12 Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) grant will be available in April 2011. Section 19 of the National School Lunch Act requires that elementary schools with the highest free and reduced price enrollment be given priority for participation in the FFVP. In Michigan, schools chosen to participate in previous years were at or above 72 percent free or reduced price enrollment. All information about the 2011-12 grant application will be posted on our website at a later date.

For general information about the FFVP, visit www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition and click on Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program.

School Garden Nutrition Education Toolkit

Spring is around the corner and it is time to think about preparing for a school garden. A school garden is a great way to link the classroom to nutrition education and school meals for a healthier school environment. The toolkit contains two important resources:

[MyGarden™ Nutrition Education Curriculum](#) The K-12 MyGarden lesson plans were written by teachers and reviewed by horticulturists and nutritionists. Each lesson contains gardening and nutrition information and activities within a specific content area - English Language Arts, Math, Science, or Social Studies.

[MyGarden™ School Meals Resource](#) This resource links the school garden to the school meals program. It is a comprehensive collection of resources and provides the school nutrition professional with ideas in the selection of which produce to grow. Produce can be incorporated into quantity recipes or used on the serving line. Included are procedures detailing the storage, preparation, and culinary techniques used to make produce appealing to students. Also included is a primer on the nutritional value of produce and quantity recipes to try in school foodservice.

***NEW* School Nutrition Programs Calendar of Events**

The School Nutrition Programs (SNP) unit has added a calendar of events to its website. This calendar includes upcoming trainings, as well as regulatory due dates and deadlines. To access the calendar, visit our website at www.michigan.gov/schoolnutrition and click on School Nutrition Programs Calendar of Events. (Note: Current Google Calendar users can copy events directly to their Google Calendar!)

Updated Non-discrimination Policy Statement from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

The USDA is currently reviewing and updating the non-discrimination policy statement. For all Child Nutrition Programs (CNP), local agencies and their subrecipients must post the following nondiscrimination statement and include it, in full, on all materials regarding such programs that are produced for public information, public education, or public distribution. The authorized statement below cannot be modified.

In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Claim Submission Changes for the School Meals Program

Beginning with the May 2011 monthly claim for reimbursement, each monthly claim must be submitted separately, regardless of the number of days the School Meals Program operated. Each claim can only contain meal counts for **one** month.

In the past, meal counts for May/June and August/September could be combined. From this point on, May, June, August, and September claims must be filed separately. The June claim form will automatically be available for use if needed. July and August claim forms will be available if participation in those months was indicated on the application in CNAP for 2011. If you need to claim for July and/or August and did not select them originally, please amend and resubmit the site information on your application for 2011.

For more information about monthly meal claims, refer to Administrative Policy No. 3 School Year 2010-2011 at the following link:
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Administrative_Policy_3_Deadlines_329259_7.doc.

Clarification of Competitive Foods and Foods of Minimal Nutritional Value

Sometimes there is confusion about what foods are considered competitive foods and what foods are considered foods of minimal nutritional in the National School Lunch Program. To help clarify definitions of these foods, as well as addressing products included in the *Exemptions Under the Competitive Food Services Regulation*, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has issued this [memo](#).

Please email any questions to MDE-SchoolNutrition@michigan.gov.

Summer Food Service Classes in Marquette

The School Nutrition Association of Michigan (SNAM) Statewide Training Program for School Nutrition Professionals announces two classes that will be taught in the Upper Peninsula:

School Food Service Basics 100 (10 hours)
Nutrition I (10 hours)



- Tentatively planned for the week of August 15, 2011.
- Times and locations to be determined soon!

These classes are grant funded by Team Nutrition through Michigan Department of Education and are *FREE* to registered participants.

Visit www.michigansna.org for course Fact Sheets and to register.

If you have any questions, please contact SNAM by e-mail at snam@michigansna.org.

